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SUBSIDY TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of subsidy provided to the farmers in comparison to the farmers of America and other developed countries during the last three years;

(b) whether the amount of subsidy being provided to the farmers of our country is being reduced gradually;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken to bring the subsidy amount at par with the amount being given in developing/developed countries?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): As per latest information the subsidies given to Indian Farmers during the three years from 1995-96 to 1997-98 amounted to 1.6%, 2.10% and 1.98% of GDP of respective years. The Total Transfers Associated with Agricultural Policies (TTAP) in the OECD countries during these three years is summarised in the table below:

Measures of support to agriculture in OECD Countries+

	1995	1996P	1997E
Share of total Transfer in GDP (%)	1.5	1.3	1.3

P: Provisional; E: Estimate.

+ Source: OECD. The OECD total excludes the Czech Republic, Hungary, Korea, Mexico and Poland.

Details of exactly comparable information on Subsidies in India and other developed countries is not available.

(b): No, Sir.

(c) & (d): Does not arise.